

### **Remarks**

The pending claims before the Examiner are claims 1-21. No rejection has been made of any of Applicants' claims, but objections have been made to the claims and the specification. The drawings filed on April 8, 2004 have been accepted. Accordingly, Applicants have made the necessary changes to the specification and the claims suggested by the Examiner since the application has been found to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters. No new matter has been added.

### **Response**

#### **Response to the Examiner's Objections**

In the specification the Examiner has objected to the term "sulphate" written using the British spelling with a "ph." Accordingly he has required that all occurrences of "sulphate" must be changed to --sulfate--. Since we have found the term "sulphate," spelled with a "ph" as an acceptable spelling of the term in a standard US chemical dictionary, such a requirement to change from the British spelling to the American spelling of a word is unreasonable and improper. Nevertheless, upon review of the specification, Applicants have found that the term "sulphate," "sulphuric" and "sulphonic" occurred in claims 1, 9 and 11, and in the specification at ¶9, line 3; ¶12, line 4; ¶14, line 5; ¶19, lines 2 and 3; ¶20, line 6; ¶32, line 2; ¶33, line 2; ¶36, line 7; ¶38, line 3; ¶52, line 3; ¶53, line 1. However, we also found that the terms "sulfate," "sulfonic" and "sulfuric," spelled with a "f" in the American style, were also used in claim 18 and in the specification at paragraphs 21, 42, 50, 52, 55, 57, and 58.

Accordingly, to clarify and unify the written description of Applicants' application, amendments appear to be needed so that one term or the other is used throughout. And while we do not agree with the Examiner's requirement, to move the case to allowance, Applicants have, by amendment, changed the occurrences of the terms written in the British form to the American form, as requested.

Additionally, as requested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended claim 1 so that the pronoun "a" is changed to "an" before the word "electric."

Accordingly, in light of the present amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections to the specification or claims are now moot and all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

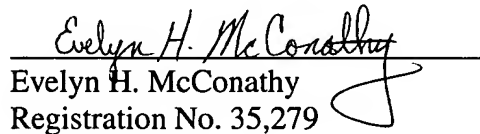
#### **Supplemental IDS**

Since the Examiner has stated that claims 1-21 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections, and Applicants have now done so, prior to allowance, Applicants want to bring to the attention of the Examiner, certain additional references cited in Applicants' other patent applications, and the applications themselves that have been recently patented. The subject matter of Volfkovich's other patent applications, now issued as U.S. Patent Nos. 6,466,429 and 6,628,504, are directed to an electric double layer capacitor. By comparison, the present invention defines a positive electrode for use in an electric double layer hybrid electrochemical capacitor. Therefore, the subject matter of these patents is different from that of the present application. Nevertheless, Applicants now provide in a Supplemental IDS, these patents and also the References Cited therein, namely: U.S. Patent Nos. 4,888,666 (Naitoh *et al.*); and 6,115,235 (Naito). An additional publication, US 2005/0034507, naming at least some of the inventors of the present invention, and although actually naming a different company, and apparently not related to the present invention, it is also brought to the attention of the Office.

Accordingly, in light of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request that allowance be granted at the earliest date possible. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicant's amendments or response, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (215) 988-3361.

Respectfully submitted,

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